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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**
& Petition To Extend - TRANSMITTAL FORM (37 C.F.R. § 1.114)DOCKET NO.
10537/191APPLICATION SERIAL NO.
10/023,322EXAMINER
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This is a **Request for Continued Examination** under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 (RCE) of pending application Serial No. 10/023,322, filed on December 17, 2001, entitled **VENTILATION AND/OR PRESSURE-EQUALIZING SYSTEM FOR A FUEL TANK**.

The following constitute(s) the submission **required** by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(a) and is (are) attached:
☒ Amendment in response to the Final Office Action mailed on September 30, 2003 (attached).

Other Submission: _____

1. The filing fee for this RCE and the required amendment/submission is calculated below. The fee below is calculated based on the status of the claims after the entry of the attached amendment/submission. The fee for any new additional claims is included with this RCE, the fee for previously entered additional claims having already been paid.

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	MINUS	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT NUMBER EXTRA*	RATE (\$ PER CLAIM	FEE (\$)
BASIC FEE						770.00
TOTAL CLAIMS	32	0	33	0	18.00	0.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	1	0	3	0	86.00	0.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM	0	0	0	0	290.00	0.00
				*Number extra must be zero or larger	TOTAL	770.00
If Applicant is a small entity under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9 and 1.27, then divide total fee by 2, and enter amount here.						770.00
SMALL ENTITY						
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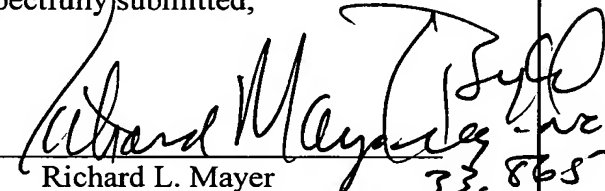
2. Please charge the required RCE and Submission filing fee of \$770.00 to the deposit account number 11-0600 of **Kenyon & Kenyon**.
3. This is also a Petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) by which Applicant(s) respectfully request(s) a further two-month extension of time to extend the time to respond to the Final Office Action dated September 30, 2003 from the previously extended date of January 30, 2004 to March 30, 2004. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) extension fees, which are believed to be **\$840.00** (since the first month of \$110.00 was previously paid), to the deposit account number **11-0600 of Kenyon & Kenyon**.
4. The Commissioner is hereby authorized, as necessary and/or appropriate, to charge payment of any other fees (including any additional and/or extension fees) required, associated with this communication or arising during the pendency of this application, or to credit any overpayment, to the deposit account number **11-0600 of Kenyon & Kenyon**.
5. **Two duplicate copies** of this Transmittal Form and Petition are enclosed for the above purposes.

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